



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Orange County Launches Internet Speed Testing Campaign**

Orange County, VA – Orange County is excited to launch an internet speed testing campaign in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia. Your brief participation in the eCorridors Accelerate Virginia Project Internet Speed Testing Campaign, can provide internet speed data for specific locations in the County. This campaign provides consumers, not just service providers, an opportunity to provide information about broadband availability in Virginia. The eCorridors Accelerate Virginia Project is the first consumer internet speed testing campaign and will provide Orange County and other Virginia localities a unique opportunity to influence and inform the Virginia and National broadband maps.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Economic Development Authority has placed an emphasis on broadband mapping in Orange County. Officials are hopeful that the data produced by this speed testing campaign will provide a closer look at broadband availability within the County and will assist in future initiatives regarding increased availability.

County Administrator Julie Jordan, stated, “Orange County’s Board of Supervisors is concerned about Orange County citizens and businesses having adequate broadband infrastructure. This is one positive step towards that goal.” Economic Development Director Karen Epps, stated, “The County wants to proactively support entrepreneurship and businesses, and we are determined to make progress in providing more infrastructure and capabilities within the County.”

To test and report your internet speed, visit [www.acceleratevirginia.org/speedtest](http://www.acceleratevirginia.org/speedtest) and get an instant review of your internet connection and survey results of what others in your area are reporting.

Testing only takes a minute to complete and is free of charge. Your participation will permit Orange County to be recipients of the data released and provide a comprehensive look at Orange County’s broadband availability. For more information, please contact Karen Epps, Economic Development Director at (540) 672-1238.

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